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## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7081 NOTE PREPARED: Jan 6, 2010

BILL NUMBER: HB 1214 BILL AMENDED:

**SUBJECT:** Regulation of Residential Landlords/Tenants.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Austin

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: GENERAL IMPACT: Local

DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> The bill imposes certain procedural requirements on the adoption by a political subdivision of a regulation of landlord and tenant relations, residential leases, or inspection of real property subject to a residential lease. The bill provides that such a regulation may not: (1) require the licensing or registration of owners of residential rental property; or (2) impose a fee for certain inspections. The bill provides that such a regulation may not authorize investigation or inspection of a rental unit without probable cause.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2010.

#### **Explanation of State Expenditures:**

### **Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** A political subdivision wishing to adopt regulations under this provision would have to provide notice of a public hearing to rental unit owners via first class mail.

Depending on the number of owners notified, the impact of this provision would likely be minimal to a political subdivision mailing notifications, particularly if metered mailing is used. Stamped first class mail is \$0.44 per letter and \$0.27 per card.

### **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

#### **State Agencies Affected:**

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**Local Agencies Affected:** Political subdivisions.

**Information Sources:** U.S. Postage Service.

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